6. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Dadra & Nagar Haveli is used to estimate poverty ratio of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

7. Poverty Ratio of Goa is used for Daman & Diu.

8. Poverty Ratio of Kerala is used for Lakshadweep.

Percentage of loss of power

† 476. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether percentage of loss of power in transmission and distribution in the country is much more than those in neighbouring countries at present;

(b) if so, the comparative figures of loss of power; and

(c) the obstructions in the way of lessening this percentage of loss of power?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) As reported by Central Electricity Authority (CEA), the transmission and distribution (T&D) losses in the country are 31.05% in the year 2004-05 which are more than the T&D losses in neighbouring countries, which are as under:

SI. No.	Name of the countries	T&D losses as percentage of output
1.	China	7
2.	Myanmar	20
3.	Bangladesh	18
4.	Sri Lanka	18
5.	Nepal	21
6.	Pakistan	26

(c) The obstructions in the way of lessening the percentage of loss of power are as under:

(a) Technical Losses

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* Old and weak infrastructure
* Overloading of existing lines and substation pequipments
* Absence of upgradation of old lines and equipments
* Low HT: LT Ratio
* Poor repair and Maintenance of equipments
* Non installation of sufficient capacitors
* Insufficiency of funds with State Electricity Boards/Utilities to invest

(b) Commercial Losses

* Low metering/billing/collection efficiency
* Theft & Pilferage
* Tampering of Meters
* Low accountability of employees
* Absence of Energy Accounting and Auditing
* Nbn Implementation of Anti-Theft Measures.

Rural electrification

† 477. PROF. MM. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed a target to electrify'fifty thousand villages through Rajiv Gandhi Rural Electrification Scheme under the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise/village-wise/project-wise; and

(c) the number of villages where electrification have been done so far under this scheme and the total number of villages in the country which are yet to be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRISUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

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